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Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Gilles **Noghès** (Monaco)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 12 September 2006, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-first session consisting of the following Member States: China, Guyana, Kenya, Madagascar, Monaco, Peru, Russian Federation, Tonga and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its only meeting on 14 December 2006.

3. Mr. Gilles Noghès (Monaco) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 14 December 2006, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 131 States: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines,

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Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 46 Member States: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Gambia, Greece, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Nigeria, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, the following 15 Member States have not made any communication to the Secretary-General: Belgium, Belize, Burundi, Chad, Comoros, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Mozambique, Niger, Saint Lucia and Senegal.

8. The Chairman proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly for adoption a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly" (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.